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Four Members Elected To Graduate Committee

The Graduate Faculty has completed the election process, and four new members have been elected to the Graduate Committee with terms officially commencing Nov. 15, 2000, and ending Nov. 14, 2003. The new committee members and the electorates they represent are: **John Wagner** (Physics), Member-at-Large; **Paul Todhunter** (Geography), Social Sciences; **Kathleen McLennan** (Theatre Arts), Fine Arts; and **Marjorie Bock** (Teaching and Learning), Education. The newly elected members replace, respectively, Professors Graeme Dewar, Mohammad Hemmasi, Mary Cutler, and John Hoover. — *Carl Fox, Interim Dean, Graduate School.*

Music Talk Nov. 28 Is Third In UND Faculty Lecture Series

"Civic Music and Its Institutions in Bergamo, Italy (1300-1600)" is the next talk in the 2000-2001 Faculty Lecture Series. Gary Towne, Associate Professor and Chair of Music, will deliver the talk **Tuesday, Nov. 28**, at the North Dakota Museum of Art. The reception starts at 4 p.m., with the lecture beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Towne has taught a wide range of music history, theory, and interdisciplinary courses, as well as historical performance, at UND. He has degrees in Music Theory from Yale University and in Music History from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Towne has received grants from the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation and a Fulbright for his research on music during the Renaissance in Bergamo. He has just published the first volume (Masses) of the Collected Works of Gaspar de Albertis, a composer from Bergamo, and has published articles in several major journals.

The Faculty Lecture Series seeks to cultivate a stronger academic atmosphere on the University of North Dakota campus by showcasing the scholarly lives of several faculty selected across the disciplines. The Lecture Series aims to present with some depth and rigor the scholarly questions and goals of the individual faculty. In presenting the products of their scholarship, the lecture will share the enthusiasm and dedication that sustains their creative efforts.

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Strategic Plan Update

You're invited to take part in UND's Strategic Planning Process: www.und.edu/stratplan.

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Third UND Faculty Lecture Series, continued

Here is a look at the upcoming faculty lectures for this series:

Each event will start with a 4 p.m. reception and will be followed by a 4:30 p.m. lecture. A question and answer period will follow each presentation. All upcoming lectures will be held at the North Dakota Museum of Art.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 – “Scenarios of Cultural Globalization: An Interdisciplinary Exploration,” Marwan Kraidy (Communication).

Tuesday, Feb. 20 – “University Days, and What I Do On My Winter Summer Stays in Uruguay,” Elizabeth Hampsten (Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor of English).

Tuesday, April 10 – “Research on the Treatment of Bulimia Nervosa,” James Mitchell (Neuroscience).

Events to Note

Telesis Encourages Hockey Fans To “Skate With The Sioux”

The UND Student Alumni Association (Telesis) has scheduled this year’s “Skate with the Sioux” event for **Sunday, Nov. 26**, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Ralph Engelstad Arena.

The event gives youth hockey players and fans from around the region the opportunity to join the UND Men’s Hockey Team for an autograph and picture-taking session. Attendees are encouraged to bring their skates to go on the ice with the players; however, no hockey sticks or pucks will be allowed on the ice. Refreshments will be available and many door prizes will be awarded.

“Skate with the Sioux” is free and open to the public. – *Andy Beck, “Skate with the Sioux” Coordinator; and Stacy Nelson, Special Events Coordinator, Alumni Association.*

Graduate Committee Meets Monday

The Graduate Committee will meet **Monday, Nov. 27**, at 3:05 p.m. in 305 Twamley Hall. The agenda will include:

1. Election of new Chair and Vice-Chair.
2. Consideration of a request by the Physical Therapy department to:
 - a. Delete *PT 997: Independent Study Report*
 - b. Add *PT 995: Scholarly Project*
 - c. Change the program requirements for the Master of Physical Therapy
3. Consideration of a request by the Pharmacology department to:
 - a. Change the prerequisites for *PHY 526, Respiratory Physiology*
 - b. Change the frequency offered for *PHY 525, 526, 527, 528, and 529*
 - c. Change the title of the department from Pharmacology and Toxicology to Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics
4. Consideration of a request by the Pathology department to add *CLS 515, Capstone Course* in Clinical Laboratory Science.
5. Program Review
6. Matters arising.

– *Carl Fox, Interim Dean, Graduate School.*

Doctoral Examinations Set For Three Candidates

The final examination for Matthew J. Coumbe, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Teaching and Learning: Research Methodologies, is set for 1 p.m. **Wednesday, Nov. 29**, in Room 308, Education Building. The dissertation title is “Measuring the Effectiveness of Selection Procedures and Training Programs Used in a Vocational Training Organization.” Mary Ruth Laycock (Educational Foundations and Research) is the committee chair.

The final examination for Brian White, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in English, is set for 4 p.m. **Wednesday, Nov. 29**, in 20 Montgomery Hall. The dissertation title is “Domination Interrupted: The Logic of Otherness in Late 20th Century American Film, Culture, and Politics.” Michael Beard (English) is the committee chair.

The final examination for Linda Neurerburg, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Teaching and Learning, is set for 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 6, in Room 210, Education Building. The dissertation title is “An Interview Study of Successful American Indian Doctoral Recipients: Their Road to Success.” Janet Ahler (Educational Foundations and Research) is the committee chair.

– *Carl Fox, Interim Dean, Graduate School.*

“Writing With A Group” Is WAC Discussion Topic

The next meeting of the Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) discussion group, open to all interested faculty, will begin with a brief presentation by Wendy Hume (Criminal Justice) on the topic, “Writing with a Group: Lessons for Teaching.” Discussion will focus on the interfaces between writing and teaching, especially the ways in which our own academic and scholarly work can feed into teaching in general and teaching writing in particular. This session will be held **Thursday, Nov. 30**, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Memorial Room of the Memorial Union. Lunch will be provided (reservations must be received by Tuesday, Nov. 28, at noon). For more information or to sign up to attend, please call 777-3600 or respond by e-mail to joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu. – *Joan Hawthorne, WAC Coordinator.*

Satellite Program Will Give HIV Prevention Update

“HIV Prevention Update: Men who Have Sex With Men,” a Public Health Training Network satellite broadcast, will be shown **Thursday, Nov. 30**, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union River Valley Room. This broadcast will include a description of factors that may contribute to changes in risk behavior among men who have sex with men and a discussion of whether a resurgence in HIV infections is now occurring. For information or to register contact Jane Croeker at 777-2097 or Kathy Williams at 777-3204. Pre-registration is appreciated but not required. This event is sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control, UND Student Health Services, ND AIDS Education and Training Center, and UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences. – *Jane Croeker, Health Promotion Advisor, Student Health Services.*

International Programs List Thursday Night Event

The International Centre will hold Finland Night at 7 p.m. **Thursday, Nov. 30**, at the Sharon Rezac Anderson Cultural Room, International Centre, 2908 University Avenue. The event is free and open to all. – *International Centre.*

Showcase To Highlight Technology, Teaching

All faculty are invited to attend an Educational Technology Showcase from 1 to 3 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 1**, in the computer labs of the Education Building. Faculty involved in a federal grant will share how they integrated various technology applications in their teaching. Participating faculty come from departments including Biology, Music, Psychology, Geography, and Teaching and Learning. Any faculty member who is interested in how to better integrate technology into teaching should plan to attend. – *Mark Guy, Teaching and Learning.*

General Flu Shot Clinic Set For Dec. 1

A general flu immunization clinic will be held **Friday, Dec. 1**, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or until the vaccine supply is exhausted, at the Fireside Lounge, second floor, Memorial Union. All students and employees of UND are eligible for the shots. Additional clinics will be scheduled when more vaccine becomes available. Watch for more information. – *Sue Bartley, Student Health Services.*

Holiday Art And Craft Fair Will Be Dec. 1

The 22nd Annual Holiday Art and Craft Fair is **Friday, Dec. 1**, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the UND Memorial Union Ballroom. The event has become a holiday tradition to showcase the work of artists and crafters from around the region including a number of UND students, faculty and staff. It also gives the UND and Greater Grand Forks communities an opportunity to discover an extra-special gift for the season's giving or something to make your own celebrations a little more festive. This year's fair will include wood carvings, clothing, quilts, pottery, folk art and much more. There will also be holiday decorations, ornaments, wreaths, and gift baskets.

Admission is free and door prizes will be given out throughout the day. The Annual Holiday Art and Craft Fair is sponsored by the University Craft Center and UND Memorial Union.

For more information, contact the University Craft Center at 777-3979. – *Susan Johnson, Coordinator, Student Organizations, Memorial Union.*

Downtown Light Parade Set For Dec. 2

The second annual downtown light parade is scheduled for **Saturday, Dec. 2**, at 6 p.m. The parade is sponsored by the North Valley Arts Council, Clear Channel Communications, and the River Forks Commission. The parade, which highlights the holidays, is a celebration for the whole family to enjoy. Last year 17 floats lit up the night as thousands of spectators lined the streets of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks.

Anyone in the region is invited to participate. There will be a \$300 cash first prize and prizes for second and third place. There is no entry fee. The only requirement for participants is to "light" up their entry!

For information and a registration form, please contact the North Valley Arts Council in Grand Forks at 746-4732. Applications are also available at the Empire Arts Center. Applications must be received at the North Valley Arts Council office by Saturday, Nov. 25. – *Jan Orvik, Editor, for North Valley Arts Council.*

Women's Center Will Offer Self-Defense Course

The Women's Center will offer the Self-Defense IMPACT course to faculty and staff on **Thursday, Dec. 14**, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. It is a full-contact course designed for women, focusing on the physical and emotional aspect of defending yourself. Call the Women's Center and sign up today at 777-4302 or e-mail at undwomenscenter@und.nodak.edu – *Patty McIntyre, Women's Center.*

Institutional Review Board Meeting Set For Jan. 5

The Institutional Review Board will meet at 3:30 p.m. **Friday, Jan. 5**, in 305 Twamley Hall to consider all research proposals submitted to the Office of Research and Program Development before **Tuesday, Dec. 26**. Proposals received later will be considered only if a quorum has reviewed them and time permits.

Clinical medical projects must be reviewed by the Clinical Medical Subcommittee before being brought to the full Board. Proposals for these projects are due in the Office of Research and Program Development **Tuesday, Dec. 19**.

Notes from the meeting will be available in ORPD approximately one week after the meeting. – *William Becker (Surgery), Chair, Institutional Review Board.*

Faculty Asked To Announce Volunteer Opportunities To Students

On **Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001**, DOVS (Directors of Volunteer Services) will be on campus to recruit volunteers for their non-profit agencies. DOVS provides students with the opportunity to secure required volunteer hours for their majors and also provides opportunities for UND students and faculty who would like to volunteer in our community.

Please share this information with your students before the winter break so they may reserve the date on their 2001 calendars.

Prospective volunteers may come to the second floor of the Memorial Union between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to visit with volunteer representatives and to sign up for volunteer placements. For additional information about UND Volunteer Recruitment Day, please call Sue Fisk at Altru Hospice, 780-1450. – *Jan Orvik, Editor, for Sue Fisk, Altru Hospice.*

Announcements

There's Still Time To Submit Information For *UND Serves North Dakota*

Although the formal deadline has passed, there is still time to submit information for *UND Serves North Dakota*, the county-by-county chronicle of what UND faculty, staff, and departments "take out" to the state. This has proved to be a useful document demonstrating that UND is not just a "Red River Valley University" -- that we work in every county and benefit the people living there. The time span we're interested in is July 1999 to present.

Have you judged competitions (what? where?); were you contacted by the media for analysis/answers (from where?); presented at a school (where?); serve on a state board (which one?); consulted with

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colleagues within the state (from where?), taught for Continuing Education (where?), etc. I'll figure out the counties involved if you will tell me the town/area.

If you want to see what the last edition of *UND Serves* looked like, go to <http://www.und.edu/dept/our/county/county.htm>. Thanks for your help with this important project. I'll be glad to answer any questions you might have. -- *Patsy Nies, Special Project Assistant, University Relations and Enrollment Services, 777-3791, patsy_nies@mail.und.nodak.edu.*

Software Aids Faculty In Developing Course Web Sites

The Center for Instructional and Learning Technologies (CILT) has licensed Blackboard's CourseInfo for the division of Academic Affairs. CourseInfo is a learner management system (LMS) software program to help faculty make better use of the Web in their classes. CourseInfo allows faculty to evaluate and measure student progress, includes an on-line gradebook, and enables faculty and students to communicate and collaborate through real-time chats, threaded discussions, and online file exchanges. Instructors can create and manage course web sites without having to use HTML or other website development software. This allows faculty to focus on instructional content vs. technology.

This fall, the Center started implementation with a pilot group of courses. There are currently 184 courses and over 4,000 student users. The Center will continue to offer a five-part series on CourseInfo designed to assist faculty members to navigate the interface, organize content, upload files, and manage materials and users.

To learn more about CourseInfo and request a course site, visit the Academic Global Gateway at <http://www.cilt.und.nodak.edu/gateway/faculty/gsindex.html>. If you or your department would like an orientation to using this system please call our office at 777-2120 and we will schedule a visit. -- *Kathy Smart, Director and Assistant Professor, Center for Instructional and Learning Technologies.*

"A" Zone Parking Permits Must Be Renewed By Dec. 4

It is "A" zone parking permit renewal time. If you purchased your current permit through payroll deduction, you will receive your validation sticker in the mail. With the payroll deduction option, you need not fill out a renewal form each year, and the permit is paid with pre-tax dollars, saving you money.

Those of you who are not on payroll deduction should receive a green renewal application. Please fill it out, enclose your method of payment, and send it back or bring it to the Traffic Office in the basement of the Memorial Union. Once your application is processed, a validation sticker will be mailed to you. The current permits expire **Monday, Dec. 4**. Make sure to get yours renewed in time. If you have any questions, please call 777-3551. -- *Sherry Kapella, Traffic Office.*

Long Distance Charges Will Be Made Electronically

Long distance telephone charges are now being uploaded to the mainframe electronically rather than being processed on an inter-departmental billing. Charges are scheduled to be transmitted on the 15th of each month. In addition, because of fiscal year-end, an additional transfer will be processed June 30. The transactions will

appear under Tran Type PH for phone on the fund transaction reports from Accounting Services. Corrections can be submitted by using the process date rather than an ID number. Departments will continue to receive printouts from Telecommunications containing their call details. If you have any questions, please call Jan Laventure at 777-4720. -- *Telecommunications.*

Long Distance Network is Not For Personal Use

This is a reminder to faculty and staff that the University's long distance network is to be used only for conducting University business. This also applies to receiving calls on any of UND's toll-free numbers, including 1-800-CALL UND.

Personal or non-University calls can be placed using personal calling cards, pre-paid calling cards, calling collect, or using the pay phones which are located in most campus buildings. Instructions for placing personal calling card and collect calls are included in the NDUS Definity G3r Dialing Instructions brochure.

Failure to comply with the policy may result in disciplinary action, termination of employment, or personal liability. -- *Rich Lehn, Director, Telecommunications.*

Museum Café Reopening Dec. 4

The North Dakota Museum of Art is happy to announce that the Museum Café is reopening under the management of Sam Pupino, beginning **Monday, Dec. 4**. Hours are Monday through Friday, with coffee service from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. -- *North Dakota Museum of Art.*

U2 Lists Classes For Nov. 27-Dec. 1

Please pre-register by calling Staci at the U2 office, 777-2128 or use e-mail at U2@mail.und.nodak.edu, for the following workshops which are in 361 Upson Hall II.

Word 00 Level II, Nov. 28 and 30, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

GroupWise 5.5 Intro, Nov. 28, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

GroupWise 5.5 Intermediate, Nov. 30, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Log on to the U2 web site for other personal and professional development learning opportunities at www.conted.und.edu/U2. -- *Staci Matheny, University Within the University.*

Holiday Safety Tips Offered

Everyone enjoys the dazzling beauty of holiday decorations. The beauty need not be spoiled by an accident that could have been prevented. Before you begin decorating inside and out this season, keep in mind these safety tips:

- Don't use strings of lights that have damaged or frayed wires. Throw out these lights so no one else will use them.
- For decorating on campus, use only a reasonable number of miniature lights. Use only lights that bear the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approval label.
- Never leave decorative lights on all night. Make sure all decorative lights are switched off before you leave work for the day, or before you go to bed.
- Artificial trees which are labeled as fire resistant are the safest Christmas tree option, especially if you intend to use lights. Don't risk using a cheaper tree that is not fire resistant.

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Holiday Safety Tips Offered, continued

- Make sure real trees get enough water. Keep them in cool places, away from heat ducts, electrical appliances and other potential sources of ignition. Real trees should also bear a label that states they have been treated with a fire retardant. With the exception of Family and Apartment Housing, prior Safety and Environmental Health Office approval is required for all real trees used for on-campus decorating.
- Do not place the tree so that it blocks a doorway, corridor or exit.
- After the holidays, the sooner you get rid of your Christmas tree and decorations the better. The longer they stay up, the more of a problem they become.

If you would like any further information on holiday safety, please contact the UND Safety and Environmental Health Office at 777-3341. Happy Holidays! – *UND Safety and Environmental Health.*

Items For Sale To Public On Bids

The University is offering for sale to the public on a sealed high-bid basis the following items: older computer equipment, used refrigerators, and several other miscellaneous items. These may be seen at the Central Receiving warehouse on the southwest corner of the campus. Bids will be taken between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through **Thursday, Nov. 27-30.** – *Lee Sunby, Central Receiving.*

Last Wednesday Of Month Is Denim Day

The last Wednesday of the month is **Nov. 29**, so dig out your button, pay your dollar, and enjoy going casual while you know that all proceeds go to charity. Tired of watching other offices and buildings have all the fun? Call me and I'll set you up with buttons and posters for your area. – *Patsy Nies, Enrollment Services/University Relations, 777-3791, for the Denim Day Committee.*

Entrepreneurship Courses Open To Faculty, Staff On Tuition Waiver Program

The College of Business and Public Administration wishes to announce that the new Entrepreneurship Track is available to staff members who wish to acquire skills and knowledge relevant to the initiation and management of a new venture. The track normally consists of five courses, but some provision may be given for those who already have preparation in the prerequisite courses. The first three courses in the track are open to non-business majors only. A two-course sequence is available for business majors who have completed the appropriate prerequisites and for persons who already hold a business degree. The centerpiece of the track is the creation of a venture startup plan. Interested staff can find further information on the program website at <http://bpa.und.nodak.edu/entr> and questions about the program can be directed to entrbpa@und.nodak.edu. -- *William Dougan, Director of Entrepreneurship Programs.*

Grants and Research

Scholarly Activities Committee Lists Awards

The Senate Scholarly Activities Committee received 13 requests for research/creative activity funding, and three requests for publication funds in the November call for proposals. The following awards were made at the Committee meeting Nov. 1.

Research Awards

Michael Anderegg, English, \$1,000, "Filming Shakespeare";

Alan King, Psychology, \$750, "Alcohol Effects on Laboratory-Induced Aggression Among Participants With and Without MCMI-II Aggressive-Sadistic High-Point Profiles";

Marwan Kraidy, School of Communication, \$1,000, "Media, Globalization and Cultural Hybridity: Western-Arab Encounters";

Gaya Kanishka Marasinghe, Physics, \$1,600, "An Investigation of New Materials Intended for the Next Generation of High Power Lasers";

Brian Paulsen, Visual Arts, \$320, "Exhibiting Artwork/Images Done Under Auspices of Previous Grant";

Dexter Perkins, Geology and Geological Engineering, \$600, "A Rock and Mineral Digital Image Library";

Elizabeth Rheude, Music, \$1,000, "20th Century Flute and Clarinet Chamber Music";

Garl Rieke, Anatomy and Cell Biology, \$1,200, "Localizing Both the 'Cook' and 'Deadly Product' in the Cellular Kitchen";

Eleanor Yurkovich, Nursing, \$900, "Determining Cultural Responsiveness of Mental Health Services for American Indians Experiencing Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI); Phase I";

Margaret Zidon and **Shirley Greves**, Teaching and Learning, \$900, "How Do We Know: Student and Faculty Perspectives of Portfolio Review as Assessment in Preservice Teacher Education."

Publication Awards

Kim Fink, Art, \$495; **J. Meek**, English, \$500; **Paul Todhunter**, Geography, \$385.

-- *Garl Rieke (Anatomy and Cell Biology), Chair, Senate Scholarly Activities Committee.*

NSF Will Discuss Opportunities For Social, Behavioral Scientists

Bonney Sheahan from the National Science Foundation will be on campus Tuesday, Nov. 28, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Badlands Room, Memorial Union, to talk about NSF funding opportunities for social and behavioral scientists. Dr. Sheahan, Program Director for Cross-Directorate Activities in the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, will present an overview of the 18 disciplinary programs in the social and behavioral sciences, describe cross-directorate programs and initiatives of interest to social and behavioral scientists, and give some pointers on writing competitive NSF proposals.

To register, please contact David Givers at david_givers@ndsu.nodak.edu or (701)231-7516 and provide your name and department.

Disciplinary programs which will be covered include: Economics;

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NSF Will Discuss Opportunities, continued

Decision, Risk and Management Science; Innovation and Organizational Change; Sociology; Political Science; Law and Social Science; Societal Dimensions of Engineering, Science, and Technology; Science and Technology Studies; Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics; Cross-Directorate Activities; Cultural Anthropology; Archaeology and Archaeometry; Geography and Regional Science; Physical Anthropology; Social Psychology; Linguistics; Human Cognition and Perception; Child Learning and Development.

Cross-directorate programs which will be covered include: Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Program; Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program; Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training (IGERT) Program; Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program; ADVANCE, NSF's new program for women in science; Minority Postdoctoral Research Fellowships; Minority Research Planning Grants and Career Advancement Awards; Major Research Instrumentation; Science and Technology Centers; Information Technology Research Initiative; Biocomplexity Initiative; Nanotechnology Initiative; Educating for the Workforce Initiative.

The social and behavioral sciences at NSF are slated to receive major budget increases over the next several years. Find out how you can participate in these opportunities and the EPSCoR Program to become an NSF grantee. Visit <http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/ip/start.htm> to learn more about SBE Cross Directorate activities. -- *David Givers, Assistant Project Director, North Dakota EPSCoR, Fargo, (701)231-7516, <http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/epscor>.*

Pre-Proposals For NSF MRI Competition Due In ORPD Dec. 14

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has issued a solicitation for proposals to its Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI). The MRI Program assists in the acquisition or development of major research instrumentation that is, in general, too costly for support through other NSF programs. Proposals may be for a single instrument, a large system of instruments, or multiple instruments which share a common or specific research focus. Awards for instrumentation will range from \$100,000 to \$2 million. Lesser amounts will be considered in proposals from the mathematical sciences or from the social, behavioral and economic science community.

An institution may submit up to three proposals: two proposals for instrument acquisition or development, plus a third solely for instrument development. In addition, an institution may be included as a member of a legally established consortium submitting a separate proposal.

As a result of the limited number of proposals that can be submitted, UND will conduct an internal review of pre-proposals. Pre-proposals should consist of the following sections:

- Cover page listing the project name, collaborators, contact person, total budget amount;
- Instrument(s) to be purchased or developed and its function(s);
- Impact on the research program of the collaborators, department(s), and college(s);
- Impact on the university's mission as a whole;
- Detailed budget (including expected cost share amounts and sources);

Pre-proposals should be no more than five pages in length using a reasonable format (one inch margins, font size 11, single-spaced).

Pre-proposals are due in the Office of Research and Program Development by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14.

Criteria used for reviewing pre-proposals will include appropriateness to the goal of the program; probability for funding by NSF; reasonableness of budgetary requests; and impact of the request on the university and the academic units involved. Investigators will be notified of the review results as soon as possible in order to provide as much time as possible to prepare a final proposal for submission.

For more information on the NSF MRI Program, download the announcement at www.nsf.gov/pubs/2001/nsf017.

-- *Sally Eckert-Tilotta, Associate Director, Office of Research and Program Development.*

Research, Grant Opportunities Listed

Following are research and grant opportunities. For more information, contact the Office of Research and Program Development at 777-4278.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

The Young Investigator Program (YIP) supports outstanding young university faculty members in their research and encourages their teaching and research careers. Research areas can include chemistry, electronics, environmental sciences, life sciences, mathematical and computer sciences, materials science, mechanical sciences, and physics. Eligible applicants are U.S. citizens holding tenure-track positions at U.S. universities and colleges who have held their graduate degrees (Ph.D. or equivalent) for fewer than 5 years at the time of application. **Deadline:** None. **Contact:** U.S. Army Research Office, P.O. Box 12211, ATTN: AMSRL-RO-RI-YIP, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2211; 919/549-4375; <http://www.aro.army.mil/research/ArIBAA00/finalarlbba1.htm>.

NATIONAL ASTRONOMY AND IONOSPHERE CENTER

Support is provided for Visiting Research Assistantships at the Arecibo Observatory, in Puerto Rico, in the fields of radar and radio astronomy, atmospheric science, electronic instrumentation, and/or computing. Eligible applicants are undergraduate students who will be enrolled in a bachelor's degree program during the fall of 2000 who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Assistantships are 10 weeks in length, and run between June 1 and August 30. **Deadline:** 2/15/01. **Contact:** Jill Morrison, NAIC, Cornell University, 504 Space Sciences Building, Ithaca, NY 14853-6801; 607/255-3735; jtm14@cornell.edu.

JOINT INSTITUTE FOR LABORATORY ASTROPHYSICS

The Institute supports in-residence research, at its facilities at the University of Colorado, in the fields of laser technology, optoelectronics, precision measurement, surface science and semiconductors, information and image processing, materials and process science, as well as basic research in atomic, molecular, and optical physics, precision measurements, gravitational physics, chemical physics, astrophysics, and geophysical measurements. Eligible applicants are researchers who have recently obtained the Ph.D. degree. There are no citizenship restrictions. Awards are for one year and are generally renewable for a second year. Salaries normally range from \$28,000-\$36,000, depending upon experience, qualifications, and funding sources. While appointments are made throughout the year, applicants are encouraged to submit application materials early in the year.

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Contact: 303/492-7789; jilavf@jila.colorado.edu; <http://jilawww.colorado.edu>.

PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY

Support is provided to graduating seniors applying for graduate study or graduate students already enrolled in a graduate program of study for summer internships at the Procter and Gamble Company. Students should be pursuing a degree in chemistry, most areas of life sciences, chemical engineering, statistics, toxicology, or regulatory and clinical personnel. Internships are for 10-12 weeks. The pay is competitive and depends on the applicant's year in school and discipline. The program provides round-trip airfare or equivalent. **Deadlines:** 3/1/01. **Contact:** Doctoral Recruiting Office, Box SI, Miami Valley Laboratories, P.O. Box 538707, Cincinnati, OH 45253-8707; doctoral.im@pg.com; <http://www.pg.com/about/rnd/docint.htm>.

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

The sponsor provides support for infectious disease research. Projects must involve clinical research directly related to the evaluation of strategies to either prevent or treat antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections. Priority consideration will be given to proposals with high relevance to infections that commonly affect individuals with paralysis, such as urinary tract infections. Two 3-year grants at a maximum funding level of \$75,000/year are available. **Deadline:** 3/1/01. **Contact:** 202/416-7651; info@pva.org; <http://www.pva.org/scrf/grants/guideapps.htm>.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS (NAB)

The purpose of the Program of Grants for Research in Broadcasting is to stimulate interest in broadcast research, especially on economic, business, social or policy issues of importance to the U.S. commercial broadcast industry. Topics of interest include the following: training tomorrow's broadcasters, impact of new technologies, provision and effectiveness of local news programs, analysis of audience response to issues within the broadcast industry, effectiveness of advertising, and impacts of changing regulations. Awards are generally around \$5000 each for a project duration of up to one year. **Deadline:** 2/2/01. **Contact:** Mark Fratrik, Vice President/Economist, Research and Planning, 1771 N St., NW, Washington, D.C., 20036-2891; 202/429-5389; www.nab.org/research/grants/grants.asp.

SURDNA FOUNDATION

Support is provided for high quality, direct service programs which offer viable solutions to difficult systemic problems and advance the Foundation's philanthropic goals in the following areas of interest: Environment—to prevent irreversible damage to the environment and promote more efficient, economically sound, environmentally beneficial and equitable use of land and natural resources; Community Revitalization—transform low-income, urban communities into vibrant and economically diverse communities of choice; Effective Citizenry—promote respect, empathy, fairness and inclusivity in the way individuals and groups interact; motivate individuals to take active roles in their communities; help individuals work together effectively to create joint solutions to serious social and civic problems; and advance participatory decision-making and governance in community institutions; and Arts—contribute to the ability of

young people to explore both their own identity and their relationship to the world, through high-impact, long-term experiences with artists and the arts; and to deepen the ability of artists and arts organizations to contribute nationally to the needs of young people and educators. Eligible applicants are non-profit, tax-exempt organizations and institutions. Support is provided for both project and general support grants. **Deadline:** None. **Contact:** Edward Skloot, Executive Director, 212/557-0010; request@surdna.org; <http://www.surdna.org/apply.html#apply>.

NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY (NREL)

The Sabbatical Research Participation Program supports an in-residence sabbatical program for senior scientists or engineers, with established records of research productivity and accomplishments, who are on leave from their home institution. The NREL's research programs include: basic energy research, photovoltaics, wind energy, building technologies, biomass power, biofuels, fuels utilization, solar industrial technologies, solar thermal electric, hydrogen, geothermal power, superconductivity, economic and policy analysis of renewable technologies, and advanced vehicle technologies. Appointments do not generally extend beyond one year in duration. Compensation will vary depending on individual circumstances. **Contact:** Human Resources Office, Research Participation Program, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401-3393; 303/384-7588; prinzik@tcplink.nrel.gov; <http://www.nrel.gov>.

The Research Associates Research Participation Program provides scientists, engineers and other professionals, with 4-12 years experience, opportunities to apply their training or specialized background to topics of research in the science and technology of renewable energy. Initial appointments range from one month to one year. See above for a list of the NREL's research programs. Participants are paid according to their job category, discipline and experience. Proposals are accepted all year for possible placement and for specific open positions. **Contact:** See above.

The Postdoctoral Research Participation Program is designed to provide recent Ph.D. graduates with practical training in science and engineering. See above for a list of research programs at the NREL. Initial appointments are for one year. Extensions to these appointments may be granted based on programmatic need and funding availability to a maximum of 3 years. Salary rates are competitive on a national scale. Applications are accepted all year for possible placement and for specific open positions. **Contact:** See above.

NATIONAL HEART, LUNG, AND BLOOD INSTITUTE (NHLBI)

The NIH Independent Scientist Award (K02) is supported by the NHLBI as a special salary-only grant designed to provide release time to newly independent scientists who have heavy non-research obligations such as teaching, clinical work, committee assignments, service, and administrative duties, to have a period of intensive protected time to conduct research. This award is targeted to persons with doctoral degrees who have completed their research training, have ongoing peer-reviewed research support, and need a period of protected research time in order to foster their research career development. The scientific focus of applications submitted to NHLBI must be in the areas of cardiovascular, pulmonary, blood diseases and resources, transfusion medicine, or sleep disorders. The salary may be up to a maximum of \$75,000/year plus commensurate fringe benefits with at least 75% effort devoted to the research

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program. No other research development support funds are provided. Awards are limited to one 3-5 year term. K02 applicants may not hold any other Federal or Non-Federal equivalent salary award. Applicants are asked to submit a Letter of Intent at least one month before the deadline. **Deadline:** 2/1, 6/1, 10/1. **Contact:** Joyce Creamer, Division of Blood Diseases and Resources, 301/435-0064; CreamerJ@nih.gov; <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/funding/inits/k02supp.htm>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND STROKE (NINDS)

Administrative Supplements for Research on Parkinson's Disease are available to foster additional re-search on Parkinson's Disease (PD) across a wide variety of scientific disciplines, and to allow investigators not currently working in PD to join the field. The one-time supplements are intended to help grantees develop preliminary data for new R21's or R01's. Principal Investigators (PIs) with Research Project (R01), Exploratory/Developmental (R21), FIRST (R29), Phase II SBIR (R44), Program Project (P01), and Specialized Center (P50 or U54) grants are eligible to apply. To be eligible, projects must have a Project Period End Date of April 30, 2002, or later. Examples of supplemental requests that may be considered include, but are not limited to: 1) Requests involving the basic cellular and molecular biology or basic pathophysiology of PD within existing PD grants; 2) Analysis of animal models, developed through existing grants on other disorders, for potential use in PD. Models may include invertebrates; 3) Requests within existing grants on the development of biomarkers or genetic tools in neurodegenerative diseases to include PD. Submission of requests should be made electronically. A website with FAQ's about the program is provided at: <http://www.ninds.nih.gov/funding/pdsupplements.htm>. Application procedures are detailed at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-NS-01-002.html>.

Deadline: 2/7/01. **Contact:** Diane D. Murphy, Program Director, Neurodegeneration Group, NINDS, 301/496-5680; dm152o@nih.gov.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

The Physical Activity and Obesity Across Chronic Diseases program (PA-01-017) is part of a trans-NIH Obesity Initiative, which also includes approaches to obesity prevention and the neuroendocrinology of obesity. A number of Institutes invite applications from investigators for research studies that will address the relationship between physical activity and obesity. Three general areas of research are encouraged: 1) studies (including observational and prospective) examining physical activity and obesity relationships; 2) studies to improve methodology of assessment of physical activity and energy balance; and 3) studies to test intervention approaches that incorporate physical activity for obesity prevention or treatment related to chronic diseases. A broad range of specific research questions and study approaches are relevant to this Program Announcement. Interested applicants should review the research questions listed in the announcement (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-017.html>). The primary mechanism of support will be the research project grant (R01), but additional mechanisms of support are available through individual Institutes and Centers (ICs). Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Program Staff in the appropriate ICs (see below) for further information about the mechanisms available. **Deadline:** 2/1, 6/1, 10/1. **Contact:** Richard P. Troiano, National Cancer Institute, 301/435-6822, rt75i@nih.gov or rick_troiano@nih.gov; Denise G. Simons-Morton, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 301/435-0384, simonsd@nhlbi.nih.gov; Chhanda Dutta, National Institute on Aging, 301/435-3048, DuttaC@exmur.nia.nih.gov; James S. Panagis, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, 301/594-5055, jpl49d@nih.gov; Susan Yanovski, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive Kidney Diseases, 301/594-8882, YanovskiS@extra.niddk.nih.gov; Pamela E. Starke-Reed, NIH, Division of Nutrition Research Coordination, 301/594-8805, ps39p@nih.gov; Lynne M. Haverkos, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, 301/435-6881, lh179r@nih.gov; Hilary Sigmon, National Institute of Nursing Research, 301/594-5970, hilary_sigmon@nih.gov.

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